Punishment 30
CAFE
THIS BLOOD IS MY POWER.
WHOOo

WITH THIS POWER, I AM THUS MADE A GEAR...
THE GEAR WHICH SETS MY FATHER'S WONDERFUL CONTRAPTION IN MOTION.
THE NIGHT IS EVERLASTING—
NEVER AGAIN WILL THE DAWN COME TO BRIGHTEN A NEW DAY.
Hurry along now, Anis... I want to play.
AND NOR WILL I EVER RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Yakoh-kun's rampaging powers are being dispersed throughout the area through a device implanted at the top of a tower.
I think it's a fair bet to say the entire city's fast asleep by this point, thanks to their Barrier.

Punishment 30 Your song, at the end of the world

SO? WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS BARRIER THING, ANYWAY?
Erm... Well, you could think about it this way.
The area inside the barrier is a portion of the real world which has been cut off from reality and warped into an extra-spatial zone.
Consequently, anyone still inside the barrier zone when it activated was put to sleep, and-
EH!?
DUMB IT DOWN FOR ME.
Look, I only care about two things. First is how to protect the Arcana Cards from it,
and second: how do we save Yakoh?
I JUST NEED TO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANT PARTS.
GULP.
As far as I know...

The Fake Dominion is the one powering Schwartz's contraption.
As long as you manage to get her to stop supplying it with power, the system should shut down...
That would be the best line of defense for the Arcana Cards.
But...
As for how to wake Yakoh-kun up...
All I can suggest is that you corner Schwartz, his creator, and ask him yourself...
Okay.
Guess that means me and Papa are gonna have to have ourselves a war of words after all.
What's our time limit?
As long as Yakoh-kun's strength holds out... Looking at him now,
I estimate he has about four hours left, at best...
Four HOURS!?
Yakoh... I knew he was getting weaker, but I had no idea it was...
LET'S MOVE, IDEL!
WE'VE HEARD ALL WE NEED TO KNOW.

ALL WE DO NOW IS RUN.
KEEP YOUR EYES ON PAPA'S TOWER!!
"Okay, Anis-kun, here's what you do:"
"Aim for tower under construction right in the heart of the city. That's your final destination— Schwartz's hideout."
"But before you make it there..."

"You need to find Ella and put a stop to her, first!"
...What IS that?
I have a feeling we may very well find Ella somewhere beneath that orb of blood.
We'll proceed using that as our landmark...
...Before that thing absorbs the blood of everyone in the city.
IT'S SUCKING IN THE BLOOD OF EVERYONE PUT TO SLEEP BY THE BARRIER!?
WE HAVE TO HURRY!!
SHF

ROSE PRINCESS WILL NOT PA-A-A-SS
DRAG
How are they still...!?
I thought everyone was supposed to be sleeping!
Stay back.
They're being controlled... No doubt this is Gray Rose's "ability" we were warned about.
DRAG
DRAG

Gray Rose...
"The Gray Rose's ability is to control demons aligned with the element of darkness, and humans in states of near death or suspended animation."
"A Necromancer, in other words. He uses Zombie Powder to manipulate his victims."
Hee
Hee
DRAG..
DRAG...

They're just a bunch of regular people being controlled against their will...
So how the hell are we supposed to get past? It's not like we can go in there and start throwing punches...
Step aside, bro.
SHFF

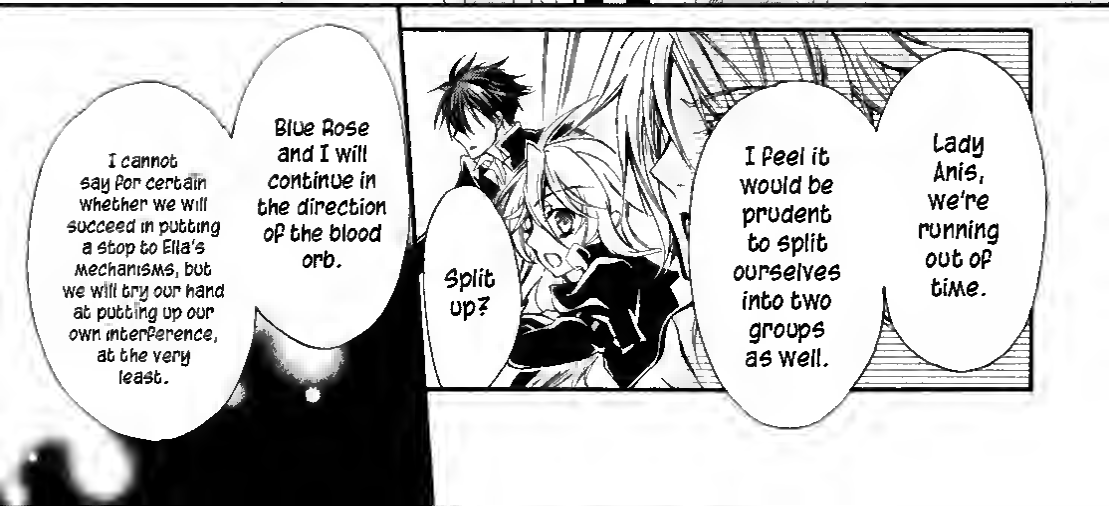
I'LL SING 'EM BACK TO SLEEP!!
ORANGE'S SPECIAL ABILITY... THE MAGIC OF SOUND.
Pretty sexy for a lullaby, right?
SMIRK

STUMBLE...
Mm... 'M okay...
Just got a little dizzy.
Anis-sama! Are you alright?!
Using sound waves to disrupt the inner ear canal... A wise move.
The provisional contract seems to have increased the force of his ability substantially as well.
However, the cost...
"A provisional contract is extremely volatile. Only one thing connects you and your provisional knight together — and that's his card. You should use his abilities only as a last resort."
YOU KNOW, ITSUSHI-SENSEI... I THINK THIS IS GONNA BE JUST AS HARD AS YOU SAID IT'D BE
BUT FOR NOW, THIS IS OUR ONLY OPTION!!
NICE GOING, IDEL! KEEP AT IT!

You guys go on ahead without me.
Wha...
IDEL !?
Come on, dork-face.
We contracted for a reason, right?
Tonk☆
I'll lure the rest of them here with my siren song and keep 'em busy for a while.
I don't know how long I'll be able to hold 'em off, but you need whatever time you can to get ahead.
SKFF
But I can't just leave you here!
Believe me, you're gonna be all sortsa dizzy by the time I'm through with you.

HEY! DON'T USE MY BLOOD IF YOU'RE GONNA CRACK STUPID JOKES!
Yeah, yeah. Go on, get.
But you'd better be right behind us!
Ugh, FINE!
TMP
SHHHH
.....

'CAUSE YOU'RE GONNA BE THE ONE TO WAKE YAKOH FROM HIS SLEEP.


Lady Anis, we're running out of time.
I feel it would be prudent to split ourselves into two groups as well.
Split up?
Blue Rose and I will continue in the direction of the blood orb.
I cannot say for certain whether we will succeed in putting a stop to Ella's mechanisms, but we will try our hand at putting up our own interference, at the very least.

DASH
Be careful, guys...!
Lady Anis.
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF US BEING SEPARATED ONE BIT... BUT IF WE'LL REACH PAPA FASTER THIS WAY, THEN I'LL HAVE TO TAKE WHAT I CAN GET.
Alright. Got it.
Lady Anis, please take Red Rose and Black Rose with you and continue on to the tower.
No matter what happens from this point on,
Under no circumstance whatsoever...
...Should you turn back or return this way.

DRAG...
DRAG...
DRAG...
I'M NOT STOPPING...
THEY KEEP COMING AND COMING, ONE AFTER THE OTHER...
Damn... What is this, a sold-out performance?
"You'd better be right behind us."
...FOR "ANY" REASON.
SLIP
...Anis...

BUT I CAN'T KEEP PUSHING MYSELF ON YOU LIKE THIS.
Thanks for everything....
SO WHAT IF MY SKILLS ARE "FAKE?"
LET'S ROCK!!
RRIP
RRIP
EVEN IF THEY EAT MY BODY AWAY FROM THE INSIDE OUT,
I ASKED FOR THESE POWERS.

Orange and Lime...
I tried establishing a contract with them, once upon a time, to become their "Fake Master"... But it didn't work out the way it should have...
Apparently they both came to the conclusion it was because their own magics were too weak...
But the reality is that's not quite what happened
BUT YOU, ANIS...
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M LETTING ANYONE SUFFER MY PAIN FOR ME.
GAH!
IF THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON I CAN TRUST THIS WISH WITH, IT'S YOU.
SOMEWAY, SOMEHOW... I WANT YOU TO SAVE YAKOH.

PWUMP
It was because the bonds between them were so strong,
I wasn't able to drive myself between the two of them and secure my dominion...
That's all there was to it, really.
SO...
COULD YOU HEAR IT?
DID YOU HEAR MY SONG?
THIS VOICE MAY FADE AND DIE AWAY...

IDEL...!?
...S...
Something's not right...
Anis?
The bond between me and Idel... It's gone...
BUT IT'S NOT JUST THAT. JUST NOW, I...
B-THUMP
B-THUMP
GASP
BUT I WANTED YOU TO HEAR MY WISH, AT LEAST, BEFORE IT WAS GONE.

PULL
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO IDEL...!
I have to help him..!
Don't go back.
BUT IF-
IF HE USED HIS FAKE POWERS IN THAT SHAPE—!
ANIS!
I'm telling you, something's WRONG! I can feel it!
You made a promise to him, remember?
You said you'd save Lime.

He...
SQUEEZ
We're ALL counting on you right now, you got that?
KEEP MOVING.
Rather than turning back...
AND DON'T STOP.
CLENCH

SHFF
BLD
Stopping THAT ought to expedite us substantially.
—Oh, dear!
I wasn't expecting you all here so quickly.
THE GRAY ROSE !!

HEED ME, MY ROSARIO
ANY MORE OF THIS, AND IDEL...!
You stop controlling them right now, and I MEAN it!
I would think that turning all of the adults into My personal marrionettes would have slowed you down... But it wasn't quite enough, eh?
...On it!
FWIP!
KAEDE!
THIS GUY IS GOING DOWN...!

HEY, BLACK! Sorry 'bout this, but I'M gonna have to take your big bro down...
...AND I CAN'T PROMISE HE'LL BE IN ONE PIECE ONCE I'M DONE!
AS SHE COM-MANDS.....!!
MUTSUKI...
"I'll have to kill him a second time..."

IF IT WAS AN OPTION AT THIS POINT...
I'D LOVE TO GIVE MUTSUKI THE OPPORTUNITY TO SETTLE THINGS WITH GRAY ROSE A BETTER WAY THAN HE COULD IN THE PAST.
BUT WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO GRAY HERE AND NOW, OR IDEL'S LIFE IS GOING TO BE IN EVEN MORE DANGER THAN IT ALREADY IS!
DUCK
Uh-oh...!
I made so many puppets, I can't summon any more of my spirit friends for help!
DUCK
Can't you take it easy on me?
LIKE HELL I WILL!
KAEDE'S REALLY GETTING INTO IT...!
HE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS WITH THE RED ROSE POWERS ALONE...!
SLY
But if you don't...

M... Mutsuki? What... What are you...?
YOU'LL DIE.
SH
IN

Stay back...!
KAEDE!
SHWIP
CRA
GUH!
SH
Thank you for rescuing me...
My dear brother...
WHAT...
I thought you might take a liking to my little "present"...!
WHAT'S... HAPPENING...?
Black... Rose...
Are you... out of your mind...?
SKRNCH
SWEEP
Of course not.

!
I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN KILLING YOU.

...What's... on your neck...?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
This...
...Is a very unique magical article I special-ordered just for him.
I'm sorry to say, Rose Princess...
...With this, your Mastery will extend to my dear Quess no longer.
MUTSUKI!!
TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE!

SNAP OUT OF IT...!
IS GRAY ROSE MANIPULATING YOU, TOO?!
I am not being controlled.
I...
MY THORNS...

Anis...
I WILL MAKE YOU MINE... AND MINE ALONE.
END

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